

Online Course Description

Question #4 submitted by committee member Vander Broek

How much, if any, of the two educational courses can be done online?

Southeast Community College in Lincoln offers the Surgical Technology program both face to face and online. Methodist College in Omaha offers a face to face program and does not offer their program online. Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff offers a face to face programs and no online program.

In the online program at Southeast Community College the didactic courses can be taken in their entirety online. The students will need to find a proctoring site to have their final exams proctored. This has not been a disparity for the students as there are many options for sites to proctor exams. Examples would be public libraries, high schools, community colleges, etc.

There are two courses in the program that an online lab is associated with. The first quarter the students travel to Lincoln a total of five times including their final competency assessment. The second quart the students travel to Lincoln a total of six times including the competency assessment.

The last three quarters of the program students are in their clinical rotations. They may come to Lincoln once each quarter, depending on their distance from Lincoln, for testing. If they cannot make it to Lincoln then they may take the required tests online.

With input from the student and the program a clinical site in the closest proximity is decided on. The program in conjunction, with the clinical site, will set up an affiliation agreement if one is not already in place. Depending on the case load at the nearest clinical site the student may have to visit more than one clinical site to meet the requirements established by the Association of Surgical Technologists. These requirements can be found in the Core Curriculum.